THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) The President visited The Netherlands, Finland, Cyprus and Czechoslovakia in September 1988 and Bhutan in October, 1988.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

उत्तर प्रदेश के "गंगोली हाट" कस्बे में "पाताल भुवनेश्वर गुफा" को पर्यटन नक्शे पर लाया जाना

591. **श्री सोहन लाल धूसिया:** क्या *नागर विमानन और पर्यटन* मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश के पिथौरागढ़ जिले के गंगोली हाट कस्बे के निकट अपूर्व और अद्वितीय छटा वाली पाताल भुवनेश्वर गुफा को पर्यटन विभाग के पर्यटन नक्शे पर ले आया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने पर्यटकों की सुविधा के लिए उपरोक्त भुवनेश्वर गांव को पक्की सड़क से जोड़ने के लिए, जोकि गांव से 9 किलोमीटर दूर है, अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिवराज पाटिल): (क) और (ख) राज्य सरकार से विशिष्ट प्रस्ताव प्राप्त होने पर केन्द्रीय पर्यटन विभाग कुछ चुने हुए स्थानों को पर्यटक केन्द्रों के रूप में विकसित करने का कार्य करता है। उत्तर प्रदेश में गंगोली हाट टाउन की पाताल भुवनेश्वर गुफा की आधार संरचना के विकास का कोई प्रस्ताव राज्य सरकार से प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

Compensation to the victims of Railway accidents

592. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 96 given in Rajya Sabha on 2nd November, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the amount of money paid as compensation to the heirs of the killed and the injured; and

(b) to what extent negligence on the part of the railway staff was responsible for these accidents and to what extent the sabotage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A statement is attached. (*See* below)

(b) Two of the major train accidents during the period April-September '88, involving casualities were at unmanned level crossings for which the road users were responsible. The remaining two accidents which were inquired into by the Commissioners of Railway Safety, were due to failure of railway staff.

Statement

The amount of compensation paid by the Railways for major accidents which occurred on Indian Railways during the period April—September, 1988 as per details below:—

Accidents	Compensation paid
1	2
1. Collision between 323 Down Siddheswar Express and 101 Down Minar Express near Byculla station of Central Railway on 4-7-88	No compensation has been paid so far as the amount of compensation will be decided by the *ex officio* Claims Commissioner, Civil Judge, Thane on the merits of the applications received by him.

1	2
2. Derailment of 26 Down Bangalore-Trivandrum Express between Sasthankotta and Perinad stations of Southern Railway on 8-7-88.	The *adhoc* Claims Commissioner with Headquarters at Quilon has since assumed office on 22-9-88 and the amount to be paid on the application received by him will be decided on their merits.
3. Accident between 234 Down Fast Passenger and a tractor trailer at an unmanned level crossing between Chomun Samod and Govindgarh Malikpur stations of Western Railway on 14-9-88.	No compensation is being paid as the accident occurred due to negligent driving by tractor driver.
4. Accident between 22 Down Passenger train and a bus at an unmanned level crossing between Thakurganj and Taibpursstations of North-east Frontier Railway on 27-9-88.	No compensation is being paid as the accident occurred due to negligent driving by bus driver.

Increase in the number of conductors and attendants in trains

593. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of conductors and attendants who attend to passengers in A.C.-I A.C.-II and Ist class compartment of Super fast and other trains as on September 30, 1988;

(b) what are the corresponding figures of conductors and attendants during the last three years i.e 1985-86, 1986-87, and 1987-88; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase the number of conductors and attendants on account of the increased number of super fast trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected from the Zonal Railways and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Writ petitios filed by and against Central Universities in High Courts and Supreme Court

594. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of writs cases and writ petitions filed by and against Central Universities in High Courts and the Supreme Court during the last three years;

(b) what is the total amount of money spent on these cases during the same period, and

(c) what is the number of cases and writs won and lost by the Universities during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Hostels in Central Universities

595. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of hostels of Central Universities as on September 30, 1988, University-wise;

(b) what is the number of students in these hostels as on September 30, 1988, University-wise;